



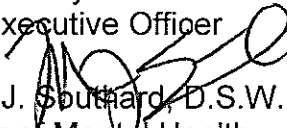
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REPORT BACK ON PREVENTING A MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE REDUCTION FOR DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS (ITEM NO. 55, AGENDA OF MAY 20, 2014)

On May 20, 2014, a Motion presented by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to work with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to report back every two weeks regarding the identification of appropriate alternative sites for the provision of DMH CalWORKs services, Wellness Clinical Team services, and Prevention and Early Intervention programs that were relocated from the Little Tokyo Lofts (LTL) site, so that no service delivery delays or reductions will occur for the County residents originally targeted for services. Every two weeks written updates will be provided to the Board until alternative sites are identified and opened for services.

Since our last report dated July 30, 2014, CEO Real Estate Division (CEO-RED) has negotiated lease terms with the owners of 621 South Maple Avenue and 224 East 6th Street – former Greyhound/Rapid Transit District (RTD) station. This location will house the CalWORKs program and Preventive and Early Intervention (PEI) programs. CEO-RED will work with the Second Supervisorial District on a motion for the Board to consider approval of the lease terms to expedite the execution of the lease and to quickly begin the tenant improvements. Timing is essential as the continuation of services in the Downtown Mental Health Center (DMHC) is impacting the demolition work necessary to conduct the capital project renovations of the building, which is on a tight timeframe for completion. Pending approval of the lease by the Board, the renovations can be completed and the remaining staff can vacate the DMHC facility.

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On August 2-3, 2014, DMH successfully relocated the majority of staff from the DMCH to the modular space located at 640 and 646 South Maple Avenue. All operations are functioning appropriately and there was little disruption in delivery of services.

With regard to the status of the LTL site, CEO-RED, DMH, and Sheriff Security Services is scheduled to meet with LTL facility management on August 22, 2014 to review any safety or security issues identified at the LTL site. In accordance with the Board's direction, we seek to rectify any safety concerns and provide a process for reporting any resident concerns prior to the relocation of administrative staff to the former leased space. In addition, we have scheduled a meeting with the residents on September 18, 2014 to discuss the Board's directive to move administrative staff only into the leased space and to discuss the resumption of construction in the space to prepare for the alternative use. LTL building management will distribute letters to each resident notifying them of the meeting, and the CEO will follow-up with a letter to each resident after the meeting summarizing the discussion and actions adopted. DMH is scheduled to move its Human Resources operation into the space in November 2014.

If you have questions, your staff may contact Rita Robinson at (213) 893-2477, or email rrobinson@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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